

1 issue of contracts and legal age that in those first of
2 all in Maryland, there is a great variation as to what is
3 a legal age of majority. The Committee did study and
4 consider the whole question. We decided first of all, it
5 was not relevant. Secondly, we decided that it was a
6 problem for the General Assembly to decide and, third, that
7 to try it automatically for all purposes was a little
8 ridiculous. Finally, the answer of the Committee was that
9 this was the business of the General Assembly.

10 In those states where they have lowered the
11 voting age, let me tell all of you lest you have any
12 fear of eighteen year olds running the state, in those
13 states where the voting age was lowered, the drinking age
14 is still twenty-one. In terms of children, there were
15 children that came to the Committee room. May I remind
16 Delegate Rybczynski that these were not nineteen year
17 olds. They were a group of children between the ages of
18 eleven and seventeen.

19 In conclusion, I think the Committee has had
20 evidence to support its position to lower the age to
21 nineteen. I think the element of responsibility and